

SITUATION STILL BAD IN FLOODED AREA

Back Waters Threaten to Break Through Levees and Endanger Lives of Many People

FOOD PROBLEM BETTER

Continual Downpour of Rain Handicaps More Than 20,000 Workers Trying to Strengthen Levees

New Orleans, May 2.—Disquieting reports from flooded areas of the Atchafalaya river basin, especially from St. Martin Parish, in Southern Louisiana, were received by Red Cross officials here today. A committee was dispatched at once to investigate conditions there.

The Atchafalaya river flood, which already covers large areas of rich farming land by back waters threatening to break through the levees at a number of places, especially at Meville, is being augmented by flood waters from the Ferriday, La., crevasse. What will develop when this added volume of water reaches the lower river basin, where unconfirmed reports today placed the number of homeless at 6,000 is only a matter of conjecture.

The flood situation at the Louisiana refugee camps, which had become critical through the practical depletion of all food supplies, was relieved today with the arrival at Rhinehart, La., of provisions sufficient to provide for 6,000 persons for ten days.

In addition, two carloads of food were today dispatched to Lasalle Parish, where several hundred refugees were reported in need.

Rain hinders work. Torrential rains, which have been falling intermittently in the lower reaches of the river for the past twenty-four hours, have handicapped the more than 20,000 workers on the levees. The rains have weakened a number of places, reports state, necessitating closer inspection to prevent dangerous developments.

The Red Cross state flood relief commissions, National Guard, American Legion and civilian relief organizations were today continuing their efforts to rescue families marooned in their flooded homes in both Mississippi and Louisiana. In many cases those marooned preferred to remain in their homes, and did so, despite the pleadings of their would-be rescuers. With the depletion of the scanty stores these people have on hand, the rescue workers will face another task in providing them with food and clothing.

Because the Poydras crevasse, twelve miles below New Orleans, is serving as a spillway, speeding the exit of waters in the lower river. New Orleans will probably not have a return of the river to the level that existed prior to the crevasse, 22.7 feet, according to announcement by Dr. I. M. Cline, weather bureau forecaster, late today. Dr. Cline had previously forecasted a stage of 23.4 feet "if the levees hold."

DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED

Jackson, Miss., May 2.—The \$100,000 damage suit recently instituted against Governor Lee M. Russell by Miss Frances Birkhead, his former stenographer, alleging seduction, was dismissed here today by Justice E. R. Holmes in United States court for the Southern District of Mississippi. The action was taken on a motion presented by counsel for the Governor claiming want of jurisdiction.

SAIL FOR IRELAND

New York May 2.—Haggard and wan, John McCormick, famous Irish tenor, sailed today on the Aquitania to recuperate along the Riviera.

With the singer sailed Mrs. McCormick, their daughter, Gwendolyn, an two sons, Kevin and Cyril. The party, Mr. McCormick said, would be gone all summer, possibly longer. If he returns to health he will give two concerts for charity.

SMALL CASE IS HALTED

Waukegan, Ill., May 2.—Governor Len Small's trial on charges of conspiring with Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park banker to embezzle state funds, halted today while the Governor signed two thousand \$1,000 road bonds. The jury played baseball and went fishing and the judge and lawyers played golf.

SCHOONER CREW SAVED

Jacksonville, Fla., May 2.—Capt. George McDonald and the crew of eight of the schooner Josephine, abandoned Saturday 75 miles north-east of Charleston, S. C., were rescued by the schooner Camila May Page and brought into this port today.

A Larger Helping, Please



J. G. DINKINS ENDORSED BY COUNTY CONVENTION

The Clarendon County Democratic Convention met at the Court House, Monday, May 1, 1922. The Convention was called to order at 12 o'clock by S. Oliver O'Bryan County Chairman. W. M. Plowden was elected president of the convention, Jno. G. Dinkins, secretary, S. Oliver O'Bryan was re-elected County Chairman and J. W. Wideman, State Executive Committeeman. The following delegates were elected to the State Convention: Mrs. T. M. Mouzon, Miss Corinne Barfield, S. O. O'Bryan, Hugh Belser, Fred Lesesne, Julian Scarborough, H. I. Ellerbe and J. E. Gamble.

A feature of special interest at the Convention was the participation of the women. The organization of the Woodrow Wilson Club composed entirely of women was approved by the Convention. This club and the Silver Club were represented by women delegates.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by the Convention:

WHEREAS, Jno. G. Dinkins, Esq., of Manning, is a candidate in the approaching primary for the office of Solicitor of the Third Judicial Circuit, and whereas we the Democrats of Clarendon, his native County, know him to be a man of the highest personal and professional character and to be possessed of marked legal ability and, therefore, well qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The following program will be given: Subject, "Parts Alegre, Brazil," Hymn 646.

Bible Lesson—"The Upper and Nether Millstones," Mark III 13 19; VI 6-13, Mrs. J. E. Arant.

Prayer. Two ten minute talks. 1. Parts Alegre a Shategi center for the Gospel," Mrs. R. R. Jenkinson.

22. Methodism in Parts Alegre," Miss Marie Dunlap. Hymn 651. Prayer in concert. Mrs. J. E. Arant, leader for the month of May.

COP BROTHER OF GREAT IRISH LEADER



Michael Collins, the great leader of the Irish Free State who has become internationally known, has a brother on the Chicago police force, Sergeant Patrick Collins. Pat is now regarded as an influential factor through his unofficial connection with the Irish Free State.

LADY NANCY ASTOR GIVEN WELCOME IN RICHMOND

Says "Dixie" Never Before Sounded So Good to Me"—Thousands of Virginians Greet Their Former Citizen

Richmond, Va., May 2.—From the moment she first set her black suede slippers feet on Virginia soil at Broad street station this morning, on a sight-seeing automobile trip in and around Richmond this afternoon, until the close of her address to 10,000 persons in the city auditorium tonight, following which she was whisked away in a limousine to the home of a girlhood friend whose guest she is while in this city, Lady Nancy Astor was the central figure today of one of the most whole-souled and sincere welcoming ever accorded a home-coming former citizen of Richmond or Virginia.

The reception she received and the warmth of the greeting extended to her so impressed her that, in expressing her appreciation, she was unable to repress tears that welled up in her eyes.

"I cannot begin to tell you how goo it feels to be back home again," she said, as she gazed out on a veritable sea of faces. "I don't know what to say to all this," she declared. "I have never been so thrilled in all my life and 'Dixie' never before sounded so good to me."

A crowd estimated at 5,000 greeted the distinguished visitor and her party, consisting beside herself, of Viscount Astor, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Dame Littleton, upon their arrival, in Richmond this morning at 7.10 o'clock.

Tomorrow afternoon Lady Astor will address an audience of women of the Southern Women's Educational Alliance and tomorrow night she will be entertained at a public and informal reception in the Governor's mansion by Governor and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle, Thursday, she will leave for Danville, the place of her birth, where a reception, equaling if not eclipsing, that according her here today, is said to be awaiting her.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

A district convention and mass meeting of the Sunday school workers of all denominations in the first district of the Clarendon County Sunday School Association will be held at the Sardinia Church on Sunday afternoon, May 4th. The convention will open at 3:00 p. m. and close at 5:45 p. m.

A full program of practical discussions and inspiring addresses on Sunday school work is being prepared, and some of the best Sunday school workers in the County will take part on the program. This convention is for everybody and all are cordially invited.

W. D. Young, District President.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Program for Memorial Day exercises to be held at the Manning cemetery at 3:30 on the afternoon of May 10th, 1922:

Invocation, Rev. J. T. Fowler. Song—"America," by the school children. Talk—Hon. Charlton DuRant. Song—"Star Spangled Banner," by the school children. Placing of flowers on the graves of the Confederate Veterans. Song—"Dixie," by the school. Benediction—Rev. J. B. McCord.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 1902

The trustees of the Moses Levi Memorial Institute owing to the resignation of Prof. G. T. Pugh, have elected Prof. W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville to be the head of the institution. Prof. Stuckey is a graduate of South Carolina College and Vanderbilt University and comes well recommended. He has been teaching in Texas.

Mr. O. E. Webber will have charge of Mouzon's beef market. Mr. Webber is an expert beef cutter, and his patrons can expect choice cutlets.

Col. W. B. Wilson has been appointed Superintendent of the Northwestern railroad with headquarters at Sumter.

Misses Inez and Mattie Felder of Summerton are visiting the family of Mr. W. E. Jenkinson.

A new hardware store in town. Read the announcement of Mr. Jas. F. Dickson.

A few weeks ago a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. J. S. Evans, near Workman, was burned. His neighbors came to his rescue and built him a new one. This is the right spirit. Brethren should dwell in unity.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTION

Williams-Burgess Post held its annual election of officers on Tuesday with the following results: T. H. Stukes, Post Commander; H. H. Riff, Vice-Commander; James M. Sprott, Adjutant; W. E. Geiger, Treasurer; Rev. J. A. Easley, Chaplain; and W. S. Prince, Sergeant at Arms. These officers will be installed at the regular meeting in June and will serve for the ensuing year.

A committee was appointed from the Post to co-operate with the U. D. C. and the Legion Auxiliary in planning for the observance of Memorial Day, May 10th, it being the desire of the Post to participate with the other local organizations in joint memorial exercises in the memory of deceased veterans of the World and Spanish-American wars as well as of the Civil War.

PORTIA WITH A RECORD



Miss Pauline F. M. Floyd, of Washington, D. C., the youngest lawyer ever admitted to the bar, now has the distinction of being the youngest lawyer to argue a case before the U. S. Supreme Court. Twenty-four years old, she has practiced law three years, being graduated before she was twenty-one. The young woman has never lost a case.

CASES OF WARTIME FRAUD UNDER FIRE

All Army and Navy Contracts May Be Investigated by Special Committee

Washington, May 2.—Steps were taken today by the executive and legislative changes of the government for investigation and prosecution with vigor of war-time fraud cases.

President Harding sent to the House a request for a special appropriation of \$500,000 to be used by the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute all cases, civil or criminal, growing out of the war.

Simultaneously, Attorney General Daugherty announced the appointment of former Representative Roscoe McCulloch, of Ohio, as a special Assistant Attorney General to take charge of the government's investigation and possible criminal prosecution of cases involving war camp contracts and expenditures.

The House rules committee also prepared to take up tomorrow the question of giving privileged status to the Johnson-Woodruff resolution calling for appointment of a special committee to investigate all contracts and expenditures by the War and Navy departments and the alien property custodian during and since the war, and the settlement of government claims arising out of such contracts.

No Objection

The Attorney General in announcing the appointment of Mr. McCulloch said he had written the chairman of the House rules committee that the Department of Justice had no objection to its investigation, and "to go along with it."

"I want to say this," however, he added. "Investigations by the department of War-time transactions has been going on as rapidly as possible with the funds Congress has provided, and the use of other funds where they could legitimately be used for the purpose."

Mr. McCulloch was a member of the House committee in the last Congress which investigated the conduct of the war and devoted most of his attention to camp contracts.

COLEMAN WINS

COLUMBIA FIGHT

Columbia, May 2.—After one of the bitterest municipal campaigns ever waged in the history of this city, Commissioner William A. Coleman, president of the Bank of Columbia, was today nominated mayor of this city by a majority of 511 votes over his opponent John W. Richardson, former chief of police. Moffat B. Dupree and S. L. Sweeney, were nominated commissioners over L. N. Drake and Richard J. Pearson. The vote was Coleman 2,540, Richardson, 2,029, Drake 2,012, Dupree 3,084, Person 1,466, and Sweeney 2,549. Coleman carried four out of the eight wards.

Following the announcement of the returns, a band headed a parade to the residence of Mr. Coleman, where an enthusiastic demonstration was given him. He told the five hundred or more people that regardless of the vilification to which he had been subjected he intended to give a clean, conscientious administration, and live up to his pre-election promises, of law enforcement, otherwise he wished to be recalled; however, he would only reward his friends when it came to the honors and emoluments of office. The two successful commissioners were likewise vociferously cheered when they addressed the crowd.

KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVE

Wilmington, N. C., May 2.—With 100 candidates present for initiation and assembling apparently from all sections of the city and surrounding fields and woods, 1,200 white robed members of the Ku Klux Klan gave Wilmington its first concrete evidence that the order has been established in this city.

The members gathered upon the outskirts of the city, held an open air meeting and drove off, no particular direction being taken. There was no disorder although the report of their presence in the southern section of the city created much interest and hundreds went out to get their first view of the fiery cross and those bearing and following it.

PREPARE TO REDUCE NAVAL ARMAMENT

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Many Large Battleships Will Be Destroyed in Accordance With Treaty

Washington, May 2.—Recommendations that capital ships to be scrapped under the naval limitation treaty be disposed of by sale on the stocks in the case of those under construction, and by sale for junk or sinking by gunfire in the case of completed ships, are contained in the report of the board of naval officers appointed to consider ways and means of carrying out treaty provisions. A preliminary estimate of \$70,000,000 as to the cost of the operation is included in the report.

The board recommends that the battle cruisers Lexington, under construction at Fore River, Mass., and Saratoga, building by the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., be converted into airplane carriers under the treaty terms, the other four battle cruisers to be sold on the stocks to the highest bidder.

The board in its request made public today urged that the \$70,000,000 be made immediately available, stating that a considerable saving on ships building under contract and to be scrapped could be made if the terms of settlement were worked out promptly with the contractors. It was pointed out at the Navy Department, however, that the figures of \$70,000,000 was purely tentative.

For Sale or Destruction. Existing battleships which the board recommends for sale or for destruction by gunfire are the Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Georgia, Nebraska, Connecticut, Louisiana, Vermont, Minneapolis, Kansas, New Hampshire, Michigan, South Carolina, and the Delaware or North Dakota. One of the last two ships, to be designated later, is to be used as a target ship under the treaty.

Ships under construction and recommended for sale as junk on the stocks or to be cut up under contract with the builders include the battle cruisers Constellation and Ranger, at Newport News, and Constitution, and United States, both at the Philadelphia navy yard.

The Lexington, recommended for conversion as an airplane carrier is 33.8 per cent complete and the Saratoga, selected for similar conversion, 35.4 per cent complete, while the remaining battle cruisers range from 4 per cent to 22.7 per cent complete.

Battleships under construction include the Washington, 75.9 per cent complete at Camden, N. J. South Dakota, 38 per cent, New York navy yard; Indiana, 34.7, New York navy yard; Montana, 27.6, Mare Island yard; North Carolina, 36.7, Norfolk yard; Iowa, 31.8, Newport News.

As to the battle cruisers the board says none of the four to be scrapped is near enough finished to be completed and launched and that all four must be disassembled or cut up. The board considers it possible, however, that the Constellation can be sold on the stocks.

WOODROW WILSON CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon a large number of women met at the Court House to discuss the formation of a woman's Democratic Club. S. Oliver O'Bryan, County Chairman, was present and explained the organization of such a club. After a full discussion of the subject, a vote was taken and the majority favored the organization of a woman's club to be called the Woodrow Wilson Democratic Club. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. F. O. Richardson. Vice-President, Mrs. T. M. Mouzon. Secretary, Miss Janie Wilson. Executive Committeewoman, Miss Corinne Barfield.

Committee on Enrollment, Miss Janie Wilson Chairman; Mrs. W. T. Lesesne, Jr., Misses Tora Bagnal, Myrtle Bowman and Mattie Venning. Delegates to County Convention, Mesdames F. O. Richardson, T. M. Mouzon, W. G. King, C. N. Sprott, Mesdames S. L. Davis and J. W. Wideman, Alternates.

Manning's new Council held their first regular meeting last Monday night. After going into the usual routine of work, the election of officers was had. The following officers were elected: Attorney, John G. Dinkins; Clerk and Treasurer, T. L. Bagnal; Policemen, J. P. Yasney, T. T. Flowers; Fire Chief, I. I. Appelt; Truck Driver, H. Newman. Council also appointed two new boards—Board of Assessors, Leon Weinberg, C. R. Sprott, F. P. Burgess. Equalization Board, Dr. J. F. Geiger, L. H. Harvin, T. M. Mouzon.